



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Group 1637

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL. )  
: )  
Application No.: 09/764,050 )  
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Filed: January 19, 2001 )  
: )  
For: DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION )  
OF TARGETED NUCLEOTIDE )  
CHAINS, AND DETECTION/ )  
QUANTIFICATION OF MULTI- )  
FOLD NUCLEOTIDE CHAINS )  
BY FLUORESCENCE )

Examiner: J. Tung

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the period for  
response having been extended three months from July 2, 2004 to October 5, 2004 by the  
accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee.

Claims 1 to 26 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 20 are  
independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.